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Province braces for massive education cuts

Alberta slashes education funding

BY ARN KEELING AND RYAN NAKASHIMA

OTTAWA (CUP) — The impending \$300-million cut to education funding in Alberta will be "like chopping off one of your legs," says Terence Filewych, president of the University of Alberta student council.

"It's going to affect the quality of education," said Filewych.

On Nov. 24, Alberta Education Minister Halvar Jonson announced in a press release plans to reduce government funding to education by five per cent this year. The first round of cuts are planned to take effect April 1.

This year's cuts are part of an overall plan to cut government spending by 20 per cent in all areas over three years.

But Filewych says the \$300-million in proposed cuts would actually remove 24 per cent of the budget for education.

According to the government's press release, the April 1 deadline was set so that universities, school boards and their staff unions could decide for themselves what areas would be cut. The government encouraged administrators to cut five per cent from their salaries and benefits.

Murray Fraser, president of the University of Calgary, says administrators and students at the province's universities have met with the government in round-table discussions over the past two years to discuss the funding cuts.

He says since he is unsure how severe the cuts to the university will be, he can't say where the university will cut.

But an amalgamation of faculties at the U of A and an early retirement program at U of C are already being implemented as the universities anticipate the proposed cuts.

Student protests at both the province's major universities have been vocal. About 500 University of Calgary students rallied on campus November 24 to coincide with a visit from Jack Ady, the Alberta advanced education minister.

On December 7, about 750 U of A students rallied at the university and heard speeches from both Filewych and the university's president Paul Davenport.

Filewych told protesters to "demand the government prioritize the budget. Across-the-board cuts have no foresight or vision."

Davenport also said the cuts could mean enrolment would drop by "2,000 or 3,000 [students] in three or four years."

Sandra Holme, a public affairs

officer for the U of A, says there was an internal review of how the cuts would affect the university, but the administration is not prepared to comment until February.

In February, the government will release its budget and clarify how much the cuts will affect post-secondary institutions.

Fraser says the increased demand for university education in Alberta, coupled with cuts to education funding, will put pressure on the province's education system. He says the U of C's administration has supported student protests against the student cuts.

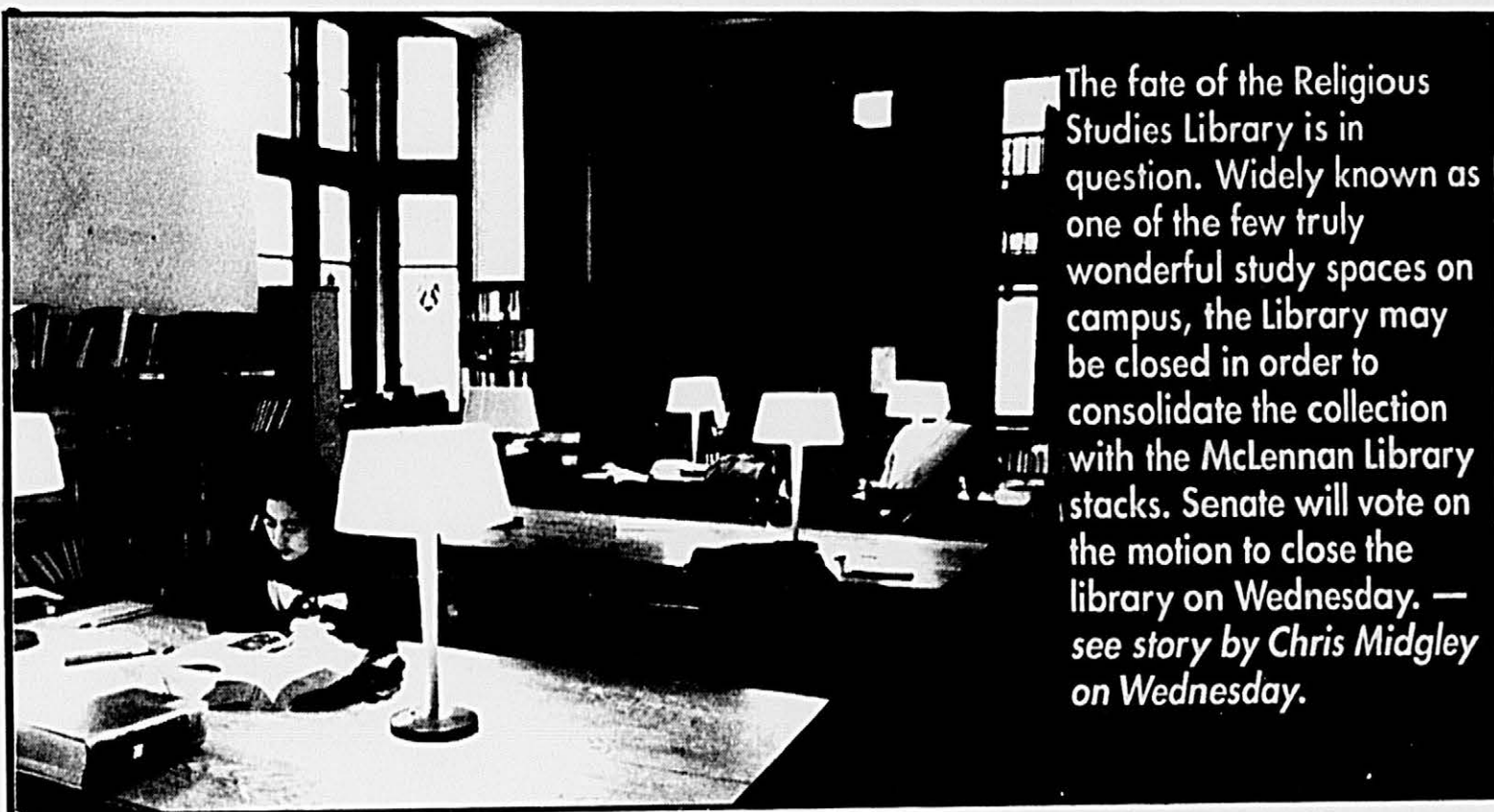
"We are together on this issue." Filewych says the administration at the U of A has also been vocal in its support of students.

"Our president has said openly that these cuts go too far too fast," he said.

Filewych says although he be-

lieves cuts are imminent, he hopes there's still time to keep them to a minimum.

"I'm not a pessimist," said Filewych. He says he is trying to convince the government and the people of Alberta that education is a priority.



The fate of the Religious Studies Library is in question. Widely known as one of the few truly wonderful study spaces on campus, the Library may be closed in order to consolidate the collection with the McLennan Library stacks. Senate will vote on the motion to close the library on Wednesday. — see story by Chris Midgley on Wednesday.

Violence against women: battling misconceptions

BY MELANIE NEWTON

The white North American women's movement has so far failed to effectively address the issue of violence against women of colour (world majority women), say the women of the Shakti Womanist Collective.

Speaking at Shakti's monthly open forum two Fridays ago, the members of the group said that, while white Western feminism has focused on the sexist aspect violence against women, it has largely ignored the racism and classism that often go hand in hand with violence against world majority women.

Many white and world majority feminists feel that the failure of western feminism to deal with race, culture and class issues extends beyond the issue of violence.

Women at the open forum pointed out that white feminists have often misrepresented or excluded world majority women's issues, disregarding activist anti-violence work being done by world majority women.

"It amazes me how 10 per cent of the world's feminists dominate 95 per cent of the world's women. We're only incorporated as a critique of white feminism or we exist as a vindication of white women's studies," said Rima Banerji, one of the founders of Shakti.

Shakti members said the practice in many majority white nations has generally been to regard unfamiliar cultures as "other", and to approach them with the "colonial" attitude that the people there need to be liberated by the West.

Banerji accused Western media and educational institutions of perpetuating stereotypes of women of colour.

"Violence against women in the 'Third World' becomes a huge topic. The most distorted pictures get validated from the media. I've heard people who want to do development work because they want to improve

the status of women (in the Third World).

"There is a notion that we are passive and not active enough to organize for ourselves without Western intervention," she said.

Shakti members suggested that white women try to educate themselves about world majority women's issues. That way, said the group's members, white women would be better equipped to challenge stereotypes about world majority women's activism.

"We have to go through a process of self-education. Every person has to so they can talk about these things in some kind of context," said Banerji.

Another member pointed out that it was especially important to challenge academics at mainly white Anglo-Saxon institutions like McGill.

"The ignorance of professors is exposing. Challenge them right there. Go to your professors and say 'why aren't we learning this'. If you go out and educate yourself, you'll be surprised what you can learn," she said.

Shakti, which is funded by the Québec Public Interest Research Group, is Montréal's only organisation for women of colour only.

Aristide comes to Montreal.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Québec universities to set up external review

In an attempt to take a critical and constructive look at the state of higher education in the province, Québec universities have set up an external audit commission to evaluate policies and procedures at each university.

Operating under the auspices of the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Québec Universities (CREPUQ), of which McGill is a member, the Commission for the Audit and Program Review is expected to complete its first round of examination in 3 years.

"Universities have always felt they were in a better position than anyone else to take a critical look at the quality of the education they dispense," said Réginald Lacroix of CREPUQ. "With this bold initiative, they are gambling that their evaluation procedures will stand up to outside scrutiny."

—University Affairs

program.

The competency test was instituted last year by the province as an attempt to ensure that graduates from its French language universities had a solid grasp of the language.

According to Pierre Chénier, coordinator of the Literature and Communications department at UQAM, the program is targeted to those students who have had their program of study suspended for the past 16 months as a result of their failure to pass the test.

—L'UQAM

U de M to provide financial assistance to grads

The Université de Montréal will provide more financial assistance to graduate students to help combat the 40 to 50 per cent drop out rate among masters and doctoral students at the university.

According to a report issued by the Fédération des étudiants universitaires du Québec, the principle cause of the high drop out rate of graduate students is a lack of financial resources.

The Fonds d'investissement des cycles supérieurs de l'Université de Montréal will give out bursaries of \$600 a year to needy graduate students.

—Le Quartier Libre

UQAM starts French language improvement course

As a result of the high number of students who failed the required French language competency test at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), the university is instituting a French language improvement

EVENTS

Monday, 31 January 1994

Orders for the McGill food co-op will be taken between 11h30 and 16h30 in Eaton 510. Info: Q-PIRG, at 398-7432.

Professor Harold L. Dibble, from the U of Pennsylvania, will be speaking on "Recent Excavations at the Middle Paleolithic site of Combe-Capelle bas (France)", 12h30-14h, Leacock 738.

Dr. Mary Simon of the Royal Commission for Aboriginal Peoples and the Nunavut Implementation Commission will talk about "A New Relationship with Aboriginal Peoples in Canada", 18h,

Leacock 232. Info: 398-4216.

Pugwash! Meeting of McGill's oldest-named group in Burnside 305 at 19h. The topic: who controls what gets on television? Video with discussion to follow. Noam Chomsky fans welcome; bunny slippers optional.

Lawyers Donald Carrette and Ann-Marie Veilleux speak about "Implications of Medical Law and the Criminal Code in the Case of Mental Illness". 19h30, 4333 Cote Ste-Catherine, in the auditorium. Info: 486-1448.

Want to quit smoking permanently? McGill Health Services presents "In Control", a stop-smoking program on video cassette. Call

398-6017. Also, this week is **Eating Disorders Awareness Week**. Health Services is hosting a clothing drive to get rid of all your clothes that will never fit you. Boxes will be in Health Services, RVC and the Women's Union until next Monday. Clean out your closets and celebrate your natural body size!

Interested in international development experience? Youth Challenge International wants 18-25 year olds to join volunteer teams for 3 months overseas. Info: 845-1839. Deadline: this Friday.

Free meditation classes offered by students of Sri Chinmoy on a regular basis. For further information: 845-1837.

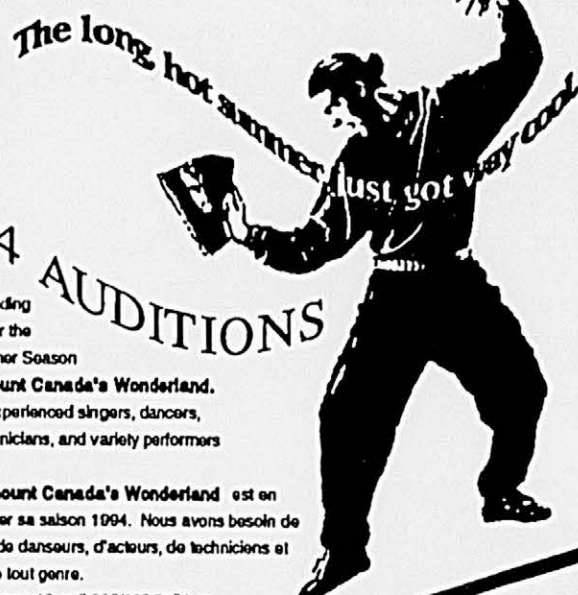
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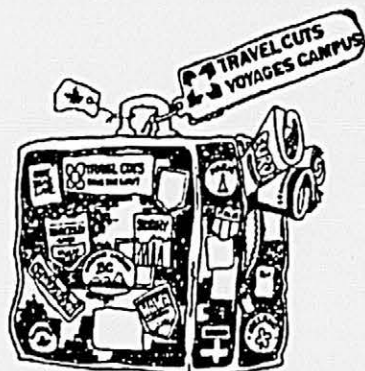
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Fight the fear

A woman's guide to self-defence courses in Montréal

BY ANNA MARTINEZ

Self defence has now become the link between fear and confidence for women who face the threat of sexual assault every day.

A number of self defence courses are offered in the downtown Montréal area. Two programs offered near McGill currently have openings:

Montréal Sexual Assault Prevention Clinic

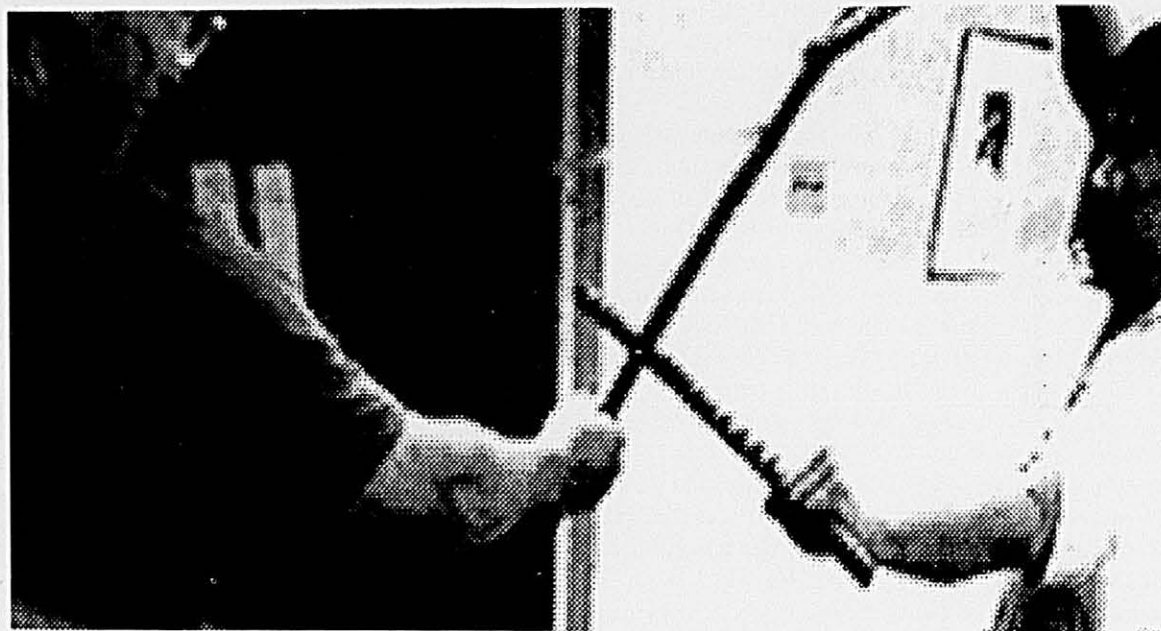
The Montréal Sexual Assault Prevention Clinic on St. Denis offers a two-day self defence course called *Action*. This course is given for women by women.

The course concentrates on verbal as well as physical defence. Leona Hellig, clinic co-ordinator, says that verbal defence such as boldly facing your attacker and telling him to go away usually solves the immediate problem.

Physical defence, though important, is not always the only defence. Confidence is very important, she said.

According to Hellig, this course has had an overwhelming response. Women feel more confident after taking it, she said.

An *Action* instructor, Debra Handler, said that the techniques learned in this course are intended to be used not only in assault situa-



Self defence classes being taught

tions, but everyday.

"Everybody has the natural instinct of survival," Handler said. "Women, though they may not appear strong, have the strength to fight back. What holds most women back is the lack of confidence and the fear."

One of the first techniques taught in this course is how to breathe, not to panic, just to breathe.

At the Clinic, the course costs \$90. The *Action* class is also available through Concordia University

twice a year at a cost of \$50 for all students, including McGill students.

The next course offered at Concordia will take place on the 5-6 February. Call 848-7431 for details.

Courses at the Clinic are offered the last two weekends of every month. An English language course runs on both of the last two Sundays, and a French-language course is given on the last two Saturdays. The courses are available in both French and English. Call 284-1212.

The McGill Sexual Assault Clinic is sponsoring a demonstration of this two day course on Tuesday Feb. 1, 1994 at three o'clock.

Self-defence at McGill

There are also a variety of self defence courses offered at McGill's Currie Gym. The deadline to register for these courses is tomorrow, February 1.

These courses are: *Women's Self Defence I*, which lasts for ten weeks. There are two versions of the course

available, one which takes place every Saturday, from 10-11:30a.m. for \$27 for students and \$52 for non-students. The course is also offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5:30p.m. This course is twice the time and twice the price — \$42 for students and \$87 for non-students.

There is also a more advanced course, *Women's Self Defence II*, which is held on Saturdays from 11:30-1:00. The course lasts ten weeks and costs \$27.

Register at the Currie Gym by tomorrow, February 1. Call 398-7010 for more information.

The 'Y'

The downtown YMCA does not offer women's self defence courses, but rather Martial Art courses geared toward teaching defence to both men and women.

These courses do concentrate on techniques that can be used in assault situations but they are taught more as an art than as an immediate survival technique.

Prices for the various martial art courses for non-members range from \$24 for one month to \$119 for three months.

The YMCA is located at 1450 Stanley. Call 849-8393 for more information.

Maria Barile speaks next week at McGill Overcoming the myth of disability

BY TAYA TALUKDAR

While many people are aware of the architectural obstacles people with disabilities face, few recognize the societal barriers created by handicapism and sexism.

McGill graduate Maria Barile is a woman with a disability who has organized her own agency, Eco-Access, to help people with disabilities cope with the mistreatment they experience in society.

"A lot of the institutions that separate people with disabilities from non-disabled people are based on the notions of eugenics and paternalism, that say we need to be separated from society."

She claims people with disabilities have internalized this social exclusion to the point where they have been convinced it is dangerous for them to be fully integrated within society.

Barile is particularly interested in aiding women with disabilities who have been victims of assault.

Women with disabilities are discriminated against twofold. They have been taught to accept an inferior and isolated role within society based on their gender and disability.

She combines the knowledge

she has gained as a social worker and as a woman with a disability with the "feminist approach" in counselling women with disabilities.

"This approach is one that looks at violence in society as based on the inequality of gender and I add to that inequality of physical or mental disability," she explains. "I want to help women realize that being hit is not ok, just because you've grown up with the idea that they have power and you don't."

Barile notes how few women with disabilities who are victims of violence seek outside help. As a member of the Dis-Abled Women's Network of Canada (DAWN), she helped look at where women with disabilities could get counselling after being assaulted.

In her opinion, most crisis centres in Québec are not accessible to them, either physically or in the awareness of how assault affects a disability.

According to Barile, the discrimination women with disabilities face is experienced by members of minorities in the form of racism. The elimination of barriers requires both the disabled and non-disabled communities to recognize not only

the myths society has constructed around disability, but those built around gender and race as well.

"The whole of those in power, those in majority groups, give the idea that because you're different, you're not as valuable."

Part of her goal is to dispel the

myth that teaches that people with disabilities are less valuable than non-disabled people.

"There's been a construction of what disability is, and on both sides we've just accepted it as such without ever questioning it. If that can be broken and if people can just acknowledge that being

disabled is just another quality, another aspect of life, and not necessarily the end of a life."

Barile will be speaking on February 2 at 7:30 in Shatner B09/10 as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Governments should take women's health more seriously

BY KRISTEN BOON

Human rights principals may well be the key to improving women's health, says Rebecca Cook, Professor at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law.

New scholarship in the area of women's economic and social issues is emphasizing the role governments can play in the understanding of female health and improving present conditions.

"Half a million women die every year from pregnancy-related causes," said Cook. "The pertinent issues include looking at research, the whole area of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, and reproductive health — which I am primarily interested in."

Women's health issues have become more salient in recent years. "Internationally certainly there is much more of an effort to get women's health issues on major agendas," said Cook. She emphasized the fact that increasing research can influence public policy.

"Both the research and the public health communities have to better understand how to use data to im-

prove our solutions," said Cook.

She argues that more comprehensive measures are needed to deal with women's ill health, and the haphazard approach which currently characterizes the field is symptomatic of government neglect.

By treating women's health more seriously, life conditions for the whole population will improve.

"Infant mortality will decrease, and family structures will improve. If you have over half a million women dying per year, think of the effects on the population with half of its members endangered," she said.

Cook said she will not be discussing the Royal Commission's recent report on reproductive technology. "One has to look at women's health issues much more comprehensively than what we see in the Report."

Professor Cook will be discussing International Human Rights and Women's Health on Wednesday, at the Annie McDonald Langstaff Workshop, McGill Faculty of Law room 202 at 12h30.

COMMENT

Lending Haiti a Helping Hand?

This week Jean Bertrande Aristide, exiled president of Haiti, visited the city and met with members of Montréal's Haitian community, the press and Montréal government members.

After a few hours of meetings with the government, pacts of co-operation between the Haitian government and the city of Montréal were solidified (obviously contingent on Aristide's return). One of the agreements reached was that Montréal Urban Community (MUC) Police force will help train a new Haitian civilian police force.

As part of the same agreement, future Haitian administrators will be trained here in Montréal in civil administration and government policy. To many, this agreement represents tangible and important steps being made by the government of Montréal in the interest of the future of the Haitian Republic.

But opinion differs. For those that live in Montréal's Black community and have witnessed first hand the discrimination, brutalisation and outright murder of a number of Blacks, young and older ones, it may seem a bit ironic, and outright scary that this very Montréal police force will be training future Haitian police who will be serving and protecting Haitian civilians!

Perhaps the gesture is a sincere and genuine one and the government of Montréal really believes that it is important to lend a hand to Haiti

in its moment of crisis.

But so far the government has proven itself to be unwilling or incapable of disciplining and punishing those police officers who have discriminated (not only towards Blacks) and who have shown themselves to be unworthy of serving and protecting the rights of all of its residents; assuming that is the general intent of the police.

Since 1991 the MUC police have shot and killed no less than six Black men. Last summer a Haitian man was arrested and died in jail "of over-excitement", according to official reports.

Last semester, several Black Montréalers were attending a lecture in a community centre when police from nearby Station 31 surrounded the building with guns. When approached by Robert Douglas, who was attending the lecture, six of them jumped on him, nearly breaking his wrist, and took him into custody.

Jean Doré gave a short but passionate speech last Wednesday about democracy, his wish to see President Aristide return to Haiti, and how much he supports the Haitian cause.

But where is the democracy here in Montréal. What is Doré and his government doing for Blacks in the city, including Montréal 50 000 or more Haitians?

Dave Austin and Melanie Newton

Destruction of education, symptom of greater disease

Recent changes to the loan and grant system in Québec has made it increasingly hard for students with low incomes to go back to school. In a sweeping decree conveniently issued over the summer, former minister of education, Lucienne Robillard, made going back to school for some mature students all the more challenging and disheartening.

Under its old form, loans and bursaries were calculated based on the applicants previous summer income. Now, the ministry, in a bid to cut back on an "out-of-control" department, has increased the reference period to one year. Thus, a student returning to school from the workforce is going to have an inflated estimated income because the reference period covers the whole year.

That prospective student will then get significantly less aid because their income will reflect a year of working in the workforce.

These kind of slipshod, half-ass measures designed to curb the deficit only serve to deconstruct the very foundations of our society. For several decades, Québécois have consciously supported the choice that equality of result was more important than the anarchical laissez-faire

model. Since the Quiet Revolution we have fought to preserve this model attempting, through the decades, to ensure we keep health care, education and other essential services free to all.

Now, our elected governments, in the guise of informed experts are telling us we must sacrifice these very ideals and values that are now a part of our state and society. But have we questioned the rationale behind these cuts? No. Look at spending in such nebulous government budget items as "petty cash," "defense," "income security". All these items have increased several hundred percent more than either education or health care.

The facts tell us the government should be cutting elsewhere. Why aren't they? Because vested interests are betraying the nature of representative democracy and only showing us a select number of variables.

These new decisions by the ministry of education are wrong and we should perceive them as such and challenge our government to produce justification. We cannot accept that punishing those who most need these programmes will alleviate our society.

Damion Stodola
Dave Ley



LETTERS

Atlantis corrections

To the Daily:

We would like to thank you for your coverage of the Atlantis Project in your Education Issue of January 10. We were happy to see such a lengthy article by Kristin Andrews which, incidentally, we thought was very fair. There were a few clarifications that we thought you should be aware of. Our intention is not to cancel classes, per se, but, so far as practicable, replace the lecture style format with one based on tutorials. And such a change would of course only be viable if it started with a limited experimental program.

We would also like to add that the information about Brown University, which came to us via the university of Calgary, turned out to be inaccurate. At least, the Dean of the undergraduate college at Brown seems to have no knowledge of any such program. Perhaps one of your readings has some information about a tutorial program of this type in any Ivy League College? Thank you.

Mara K. Pollock

ERRATUM

In "The search for truth in the Rosenberg trial," printed Wednesday, January 26, the *Daily* printed a blown quote which quoted retired McGill librarian Jack Gold as saying "the FBI tracked down people such as Harry Gold, Max Elitcher, Morton Sobell and the Rosenbergs" who were "involved in transmitting atomic secrets to their Soviet contacts." In fact, Jack Gold did not say this. Arnold Ages wrote this in the *Canadian Jewish News*, as stated in the article. The *Daily* apologizes for the error.

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Exiled Haitian president gets support from local Haitians, government

Aristide visits Montréal



Last Wednesday, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled, freely and popularly elected president of the Republic of Haiti, spoke to a predominantly Haitian audience in Montréal's Maurice Richard Arena.

This was part of a two day Montréal tour in which Aristide, in addition to speaking to Montréal's Haitian community, met with a number of Montréal and Québec officials.

by Dave Austin

Allain Georges, co-ordinator for the Coordination de Résistance Haitian (Québec) and one of the chief organisers of the tour was one the first to address the packed house of anxiously awaiting supporters.

"We will continue the struggle until the victory", he said and suggested that the many negotiations that have taken place since the September 30th, 1991 coup have all proven to be a waste of time and new strategies for the return of the exiled president need to be devised.

Since the coup, four thousand civilians have been killed and a plethora of refugees have attempted the dangerous trek to the shores of the US's Guantanamo military base in Cuba.

Many have made their way to Miami's shores, only to be sent back to Haiti, where they will most certainly be reprimanded for attempting to leave.

"It is we [Haitians] who must liberate ourselves, it is us who must organise ourselves," said Georges, and he implied that some form of military action against the Haitian military should be taken by Haitians themselves to liberate their country and return their president. Haiti's military of seven thousand currently holds most of its seven million inhabitants hostage.

Later Montréal mayor Jean Doré talked about preparing the "reconstruction of Haiti" and expressed his hope to see, "as soon as possible" the return of the president to his country. He also mentioned a number of proposals for concrete cooperation between Haiti and the city of Montréal which were solidified during meetings between Aristide and Doré.

Aristide addresses cheering crowd

After a number of preliminary speakers, President Aristide appeared to the cheering and singing of thousands of supporters. He thanked a number of people, and countries for lending him and Haiti their support and then began what turned into a unity rally-dialogue between himself and the audience.

Quoting a statement by the famous deceased Haitian historian Jean Price-Mars, Aristide stated "Haitians are a people who dance, sing, live and reflect..." and are not oblivious to their condition and will do what is necessary to change it.

In response to the screams and shouts from the predominantly Haitian crowd, Aristide, true to the popular democratic spirit that earned him 68 per cent of the popular vote in

Haiti in 1990, stopped — actually stopped — to dialogue with arbitrary members of the crowd on a number of occasions. He later said that it is that type of dialogue that is important and that "we [the Haitian people] love democracy" and this why we have this kind of dialogue.

Throughout his talk, he mentioned the "politics" practiced by the the Haitian military and hired assassins, many of whom were members of the infamous tonton macoutes of the Duvalier regime. He referred to these politics as "toxic politics" - the politics of repression and "genocide against the Haitian people", the trafficking of drugs, and the degradation of Haiti's environment and resources.

"We want a country in which people can go to the capital and find jobs when they need them", he told the crowd, not a country in which terror reigns.

Haiti's future linked with region

Aristide's notion of liberation does not stop with the liberation of his Haiti alone. He stated that the liberation and the democratization of his country is tied to democracy throughout the world. He spoke of Simone de Bolivar and his ties with Haiti during 1800's, saying that the entire liberation of Latin America and the Caribbean was at stake with the restoration of the popularly elected government of Haiti.

It is this type of liberation theology politics which gained him much support in Haiti and brought the scorn of the Vatican on his back.

Within weeks of Aristide's elevation to the presidency, he took steps to redistribute some of Haiti's wealth. He raised the minimum wage, talked of redistributing land in Haiti, and he told Haiti's powerful rich minority that they would soon be forced to pay taxes, something unheard of in Haiti.

His policies raised eyebrows, not only among Haiti's elite but also in the US. Only a few months later, Aristide was overthrown in a military coup which many feel was orchestrated or at least aided by forces in the United States.

As was pointed out in a press conference given by Aristide the following morning at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Aristide did not talk about some of the more pressing issues facing him and his country at the Arena.

More elaborate information was presented at the conference in which Aristide responded to questions from a number of news reporters, including members of various Haitian news forums in the city.

He spoke of the "concrete projects" that were worked out between himself and mayor Jean Doré during this week's visit. A deal has been ironed out, in which the Montréal police will train a civilian police force, helping to bring a "separation between the police and the army" which now are virtually indistinguishable from one another.

Haiti, the United States and the embargo

The army and the police have both been covertly funded by the CIA (this point which has been understood by Haitian people for a long time, was recently revealed in an October article in the *New York Times*).

This certainly should not come as a surprise as it was the CIA that funded Emmanuel Noriega in his trafficking exploits which were widely revealed in the Iran-Contra scandal,

but have subsequently been forgotten.

US "aid" has allowed the army to make substantial profits from the illicit drug trade with Haiti serving as a stop-over-point before transporting the drugs to North America, and. It has also helped them maintain a grip on the substantial power they wield over Haiti's people.

In a response to the newly declared "total embargo" to be imposed by the United Nations on Haiti at the request of Aristide and how it will affect Haiti's poor (who many believe are the ones most adversely affected by the embargo) Aristide replied that "the embargo does not affect humanitarian aid or medication".

It also does not affect the limited importation of oil which is vital to hospitals and other civil institutions. However, as one reporter pointed out, this oil is being used by the military to fuel its military and vehicles and provide fuel for those that can afford to buy it at inflated prices.

Questioned again about the military, President Aristide was quick to respond that the "[rank and file of the] army will not defend the hierarchy of the military as they do not have the same interests".

Given the right conditions, he suggested, many soldiers within the army would side with the government as they have not benefited to the extent that the Army elite has, from drug trafficking and support from the United States.

Aristide was also questioned out his non-violence philosophy and how this figures in his return to Haiti. After pointing out that it was slaves that won Haiti's independence through struggle, he said "I reject violence. But I'm not obliged to close my eyes to it." By this he did not rule out the use of force or some form of military intervention to facilitate his return to power.

Elaborating on this point, he talked of Toussaint L'Ouverture and Jean-Jacques Dessalines, who led their country to independence, stating that while Toussaint was a great negotiator, Dessalines was a man of action. "They both complimented each other", he said.

This led to questions concerning the role of the United States in preventing Aristide's return. Aristide, who is currently exiled in Washington was reluctant to state what many see as obvious.

Aristide entered the 1990 electoral race only weeks before the elections. But he won, much to the surprise of his opposition and the government of the United States, with almost 70 per cent of the vote. Yet, within a matter of months, he was overthrown by those fearful of the changes he was articulating.

It appears now, almost two years after he was elected, Aristide has learned to be more diplomatic in his language, if not his approach; more politician-like.

Instead of answering the question directly, he turned the question on its head and stated that "in democracy we have opposition" (referring to US opposition) and that he prefers to focus on the more positive aspects in the United States that support him.

"We advance with the positive...not the negative," stated a diplomatic Aristide.

For further coverage see *Visite Aristide: La construction d'un État en exil*, to be published tomorrow in the *Daily français*.

Adversity: In face of the law

BY JEFF GAULIN

Victims of racial violence face considerable bureaucracy in the legal system.

Thus concluded *Racial Violence and the law*, an information session presented at Chancellor Day Hall on January 26th in conjunction with the Centre for Research Action on Race Relations (CRARR) and the McGill Legal Information Clinic.

Twenty students gathered to listen to speakers from CRARR, the Montréal Urban Community (MUC) police and the Protecteur-du-Citoyen, about legal options for victims of racial violence. According to Jo-Anne Pickle, a representative for CRARR, the goal of the session was to provide information on legal action for victims.

"Sometimes it's not obvious to a victim [of racial violence] what to do," said Pickle. "We hope to give concrete information to people about possible recourses for racial violence."

Fo Niemi, general director of CRARR, encouraged victims to pursue legal action. Niemi acknowledged flaws in Québec's laws regarding racism, but suggested the use of ambiguous provisions "to find out how far the law can or cannot go."

"One of the problems facing victims is bureaucracy," said Niemi. "We (CRARR) help people work through that. Knowing your rights is one thing; knowing what to do is another."

Constable Fortin and Detective Marchand from Station 25 of the MUC police addressed the audience on the investigative procedures of a case. Both officers emphasized the victim's responsibility to report any incident of racial violence. Marchand also stressed the sensitivity of MUC officers in dealing with victims of racial violence.

"The victim's confidence in the police is important," admitted Marchand. "Without it, the investigation goes nowhere."

Denis Langlois of the Protecteur-du-Citoyen spoke of alternative action for victims not wanting to involve the police. The Protecteur-



Detective Marchand

du-Citoyen is an ombudsman service which, like CRARR and the Québec Human Rights Commission, helps victims of racial violence around the bureaucracy of

group."

When questioned about allegations of racism within the MUC, which might deter victims from approaching police, Marchand replied: "I'm a professional. I don't care if it's a black person, a red person, a yellow person, or an English person. I'm not afraid to talk to them."

Marcia Green, a fourth-year law student, had mixed reactions about the session.

"It was informative, especially the report [on *Violence and Racism in Québec*]," said Green. "But the way the police

limited the issue disgusted me. They

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Manitoba report recommends 'user-pay' system

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Manitoba's tuition fees should increase for some students in a "user-pay" scheme, a provincial government report suggests.

In its report released January 21, the province's education review commission suggests that international students, graduate students and students in expensively run programs dig deeper into their pockets for a university education.

"In the face of continuing fiscal constraint and the rising cost of post-secondary education, the commission believes that students will be called upon to assume an increasing share of its costs," the report says.

While it recommends that tuition fees be frozen for the time being, the report suggests that all students should eventually pay the same proportion of the cost of their programs.

Full-time undergraduates in Manitoba currently pay around \$2,000 per year.

Figures for 1991-92 show that Manitoba arts students paid 34.6 per cent of the cost of their education and those in dentistry only 5.6 per cent. The report suggests that, over time, that gap be closed.

International students would also pay more — in fact twice as much as Canadian citizens. "Foreign students have a claim on our resources but it is a limited one,"

the report says.

Blessing Rugara, a visa student and a University of Manitoba student councilor, says the commission failed to analyze the full impact international students have on universities and on the economy in general.

Rugara says many graduate programs rely heavily on international student participation for their survival.

Manitoba already increased tuition for international students by 75 per cent above the standard level last year.

The report also recommends that graduate students pay 15 per cent of the cost of their programs. According to the report, most graduate students currently pay less than 10 per cent.

The commission says studies have shown that tuition fee levels play only a minor role in determining the accessibility of universities. Since benefits accrue to both the student and society, the report says it only makes sense that students pay their share of the cost.

The commission also urges the federal government to implement an income-contingent loan repayment plan. Such a plan would require those with higher incomes to repay a greater percentage of their student loans after university than those with lower incomes.

Nova Scotia report calls for axing of education schools

A Nova Scotia government committee says the province has too many universities training too many teachers, and it's time to get rid of some of them.

In a January 14 discussion paper, a committee of academics from across Canada called for five Nova Scotia schools to eliminate their education programs, and for teacher training to be concentrated in three remaining institutions.

The schools which stand to lose their education programs include some of Nova Scotia's largest. Dalhousie, Saint Mary's and Saint Francis Xavier Universities are all targeted to phase out their education schools within a year. The Nova Scotia Teachers College, a government-run school with over 500 education students, would close its doors, and the Nova Scotia

College of Art and Design would also cease training teachers.

Mount Saint Vincent and Acadia Universities, two medium-sized institutions, would be left with the job of certifying teachers for Nova Scotia's school system. The French-language Université Ste. Anne would also remain open to serve the province's francophone community.

The report also calls for the number of students accepted into education programs to be reduced by half. Six hundred new teachers are certified annually, while only about 100 get teaching jobs in the province. Nova Scotia has 13 degree-granting institutions and a total student population of only 36,000.

— *The Dalhousie Gazette*, Halifax (CUP)



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